

FREDERICK STEPHENS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. 265.]

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MARCH 2, 1860.

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Mr. BUFFINGTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Stephens, praying for compensation for services in the war of 1812, report:*

That it appears from the evidence submitted in said case, that the petitioner was drafted for the term of six months, at Bainbridge, in the county of Chenango and State of New York, about the first of September, 1814, as a private in the company of Capt. James Seelich, in the regiment of New York militia, commanded by Col. Bellinger. That he served in said company about one month in the war of 1812, when he was taken sick, and with the permission of his captain retired from the lines to a place where he could be taken care of by his friends, and where he remained sick until some time after the company was discharged. That owing to some negligence or mistake his name is not borne upon the rolls of said company, and for that reason he never drew any pay even for the time that he was in actual service. Owing to the death of his captain soon after, the company was discharged. He was never able to get the omission of his name upon the rolls rectified.

The facts above set fourth are proved by the affidavit of William Pieer, who was a soldier in the same company, and who conveyed the petitioner from the army to his friends after he was taken sick, at the request of his captain.

The petitioner has proved his service of one month to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions, and been allowed 160 acres of county land therefor.

The petitioner prays to be paid not only for the actual service of one month which he performed, but for the loss of time and expenses incurred during some six months of sickness contracted in the service.

Your committee is of opinion that he is entitled to be paid at least the wages of a private soldier for the time during which he was in actual service, and disabled by sickness contracted in the service, and which would amount to about fifty dollars. They therefore report a bill for his relief, based upon that view of the case.

